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On April 12 Poloff delivered reftel points concerning Iran's treatment of religious minorities to Kadri Jogi, MFA Iran Desk Officer. Estonia has a small Bahai community of 150 members and the GOE is concerned about the problems the Bahai and other religious minorities face in Iran. At the April 11-12 GAERC meeting in Brussels Jogi said that Foreign Minister Urmas Paet strongly supported the EU's common opinion that Iran must pay more attention to human rights and religious freedom.

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